

University Organization Progressing Rapidly

After an absence of two months and had expected to find it necessary to a full, Dr. Torrey, president of the University of Alberta, has returned west while in Montreal he met the representative of some of the largest English of July, but urgent business in connection with the university caused him to shorten his trip by two weeks. During his tour, Dr. Torrey visited nearly all the leading universities of the east, keeping constantly before him the need of the University of Alberta. Among the seats of learning which contributed to his fund of information were the Universities of Toronto, McGill, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, New York, Chicago, Wisconsin and Minnesota. From these he gathered recruits for his staff and gathered suggestions of great value for the building of the Alberta University. Dr. Torrey was accompanied by his son, Dr. L. D. Torrey, who is now a member of the staff of the university. Dr. Torrey has made no haphazard appointments. A report of the staff will be made to the university senate in a few days when all the details will be made known.

Dawson Trail Work Wild West Show Suspended

The Dominion Government has made no provision this year for resuming the construction of the great railway highway across Northern Canada, between Dawson and Edmonton a distance of 1819 miles. Operations for the past three seasons have been directed by Inspector McDonald, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police of Fort Macleod, Alta. The trail has been completed from Edmonton west to a point in Northern British Columbia, the Fourth Cabin, where it joins the so-called telegraph trail, a distance of 87 miles.

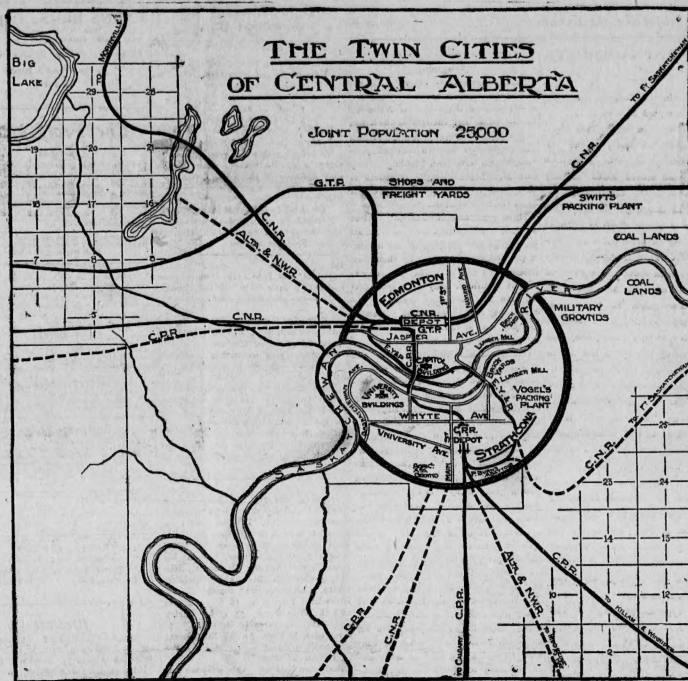
Inspector McDonald, accompanied by Constables Ross and St. Laurent, left trail for the north on the Bear Lake trail next Sunday. He has been entrusted with the task of collecting and driving over land to Edmonton a touch of horses which were employed last season on the undertaking. These animals number about twenty-six and wintered in the vicinity of Hazelton and the Bulkley Valley. He expects to complete his mission in two months, traversing the new trail. The officer has been instructed to sell the horses at a figure not to exceed \$150 a head. It is not unlikely that many prospectors bound for the Inglenook gold fields will avail themselves of this opportunity to complete their outfit as pack animals are scarce in the Hazelton district. Inspector McDonald states that a great many existing trails will be utilized to complete the all-Canada highway route to Dawson.

From the last mentioned point to Athol the distance is 152 miles, and 499 additional miles will have to be traversed before reaching the Fourth Cabin, eighty miles south of Bear Lake. On the latter part of this route there is an old trail which was built in the days of the Casimir gold excitement. The road is via Telegraph Creek at the headwaters of Stikine River. Most of the work will consist of cutting out fallen trees. At the Fourth Cabin near Teelin Lake the trail forms the trail extending north from Ashcroft.

Miss Tweedie For England

Montreal, June 21.—Miss Marie Tweedie daughter of Lieutenant Governor Tweedie of New Brunswick, and the husband of her choice, David McEwen, her father's former assistant, have been in Montreal, and this morning left by the Allan liner "Victorian" for Liverpool.

THE HUB OF THE PROVINCE



THE COMING HUB OF THE UNIVERSE

Quebec Making Great Preparations

Quebec, June 21.—An enormous impression has gone abroad in regard to the different scenes of the pageant as evidenced by the fact that the authorities at Quebec are in receipt of enquiries asking how much the different scenes are to be presented, and every answer sent out that all the scenes are to be formed each day that the pageant is given.

Mr. Lacombe has commented the rehearsal of the different scenes on the Plains of Abraham, and the rush of would be performers is such that a waiting list has been opened for some of the scenes.

In view of the naval celebration of a week and ten days, a month later than that the entire city of Quebec has taken on the appearance of a huge painting and decorating establishments.

Refreshment booths are going up in all directions and grand stands are rising everywhere. There is hardly a house or public building whose exterior at least has not passed on to the hands of decorators and electricians have their hands full that it is next to impossible to obtain workmen. Hundreds of men are busy at work upon federal, provincial and civic buildings. The electrical illumination promises to be the finest ever seen here while the amount of painting and floral decorations employed is enormous. Elaborate arches already span the principal streets.

Destructive Fire In Ontario

Burlington, June 21.—The worst fire in the history of Burlington occurred yesterday afternoon, when a property to the value of \$150,000 went up in smoke. The fire started in the drying kiln at the Knight-Ross Company's works but through the heroic work of the fire brigade—under Chief Johns and assisted by the employees of the big factory and saw mills the machine shops and lumber yards were all saved. Unfortunately, the kiln was burning, the wind, which was blowing a terrific gale, carried flaming faggots over the hill and into the business part of the town, and in less than a quarter of an hour several buildings were in flames. Soon the whole town was threatened with destruction and women as well as men set to work to fight the flames. The Gravenhurst and Hamilton fire brigades were wired for but did not arrive until the fire had been got under control. Every business block on the east side of Ontario Street from Yonge Street to the Salvation Army barracks was burned to the ground, including the Clifton Hotel. They were all wooden structures which have for many years been a curse to the town. On the west side of Ontario Street every building from Yonge Street to Partridge Block was destroyed, with the exception of three brick buildings, all these were also wooden structures.

Suicided

Saskatoon, June 21.—A settler in the Harris district brought word that Robert Weatherman, aged sixty, was discovered to have hung himself in a stable. His sons made the discovery before death, but were too late to save him. A mounted policeman has gone to investigate.

Ruling The Waves

Christiania, Norway, June 21.—The Channel and North Sea fleets of the British navy arrived here forming the largest display of war vessels ever seen in Christiania. In all machine was stowed away at Hamburg when the freighter one of the biggest making this port left for America. The Hamburg-American line has had serious trouble with longshoremen returned to work. But, one week ago. A week later the line officials raised salaries and longshoremen returned to work. But the company laid off seventy-five inspectors and two hundred workmen, saying there was no labor done to warrant the retention of the men. On these facts the authorities have their belief that in revenge some work men placed the infernal machine on the ship, having accomplices on board.

Bomb Outrage

Philadelphia, June 21.—An explosion which ripped up the decks of the big Hamburg-American liner Arcadia, in Delaware River, three negro longshoremen were instantly killed, five received injuries from which they cannot recover and twenty-five others were hurt. Last night it was disclosed that a powerful bomb had been placed in a bale of goods shipped from Hamburg, the infernal machine being fitted with electric wires and so constructed that when longshoremen struck the bale with a hook, the shock would cause explosion. The chief of police the coroner and all officials who investigated the tragedy say there is no doubt but that the machine was stowed away at Hamburg when the freighter one of the biggest making this port left for America. The Hamburg-American line has had serious trouble with longshoremen returned to work. But, one week ago. A week later the line officials raised salaries and longshoremen returned to work. But the company laid off seventy-five inspectors and two hundred workmen, saying there was no labor done to warrant the retention of the men. On these facts the authorities have their belief that in revenge some work men placed the infernal machine on the ship, having accomplices on board.

FOUND OF FRANK'S ILLNESS

Chicago, June 21.—B. L. Frank, former mayor of Butte, Mont., and a prominent politician of that state was removed from the Palmer House to the headquarters here to-night, and later sent to the home of his brother-in-law in Cincinnati. It is believed that Mr. Frank is demoralized. Frank the police say had been strangely all day and after he was taken into custody members of the Montana delegation to the national Republican convention were notified of his condition. Charles E. L. is chairman of the delegation. See in the former United States senator and Patrick Clark, of Spokane, Wash., took him back to the hotel and arranged for his transportation to Cincinnati where he will be heard for at the home of A. W. Goldstein, an attorney.

Butte, Mont., June 21.—B. L. Frank, one of Montana's most prominent mine owners and Democratic politician. His health is estimated at several million dollars. He was formerly one of the St. Louis world's fair commissioners. Several times he has been state Democratic chairman and about eight years ago came within eight votes of being elected United States senator.

Until recently Mr. Frank owned the coal mines at Frank Alberta, which property he disposed of to a French syndicate for \$2,000,000. He owned much real estate and mining property in Montana. Mr. Frank left this city last Saturday night in response to a telegram from Cincinnati, stating that his mother was dangerously ill.

Mr. Frank is about fifty-six years of age.

GRAIN DAMAGE IN MANITOBA.

Austin, June 21.—A tremendous hail of rain and hail accompanied with wind occurred here to-day. The destruction of crops, barns and outbuildings of all sorts in the country outside of Austin, is estimated at fully half a million dollars. Crops of all kinds in a large area were literally beaten into the ground and ruin.

VERDICT OF INSANITY.

Summerside, P.E.I., June 21.—The second trial of Alonzo Doherty, who shot and killed John McMillan, who was at the time walking with a young lady on the railroad, ended yesterday, with a verdict of "Not Guilty" on the ground of insanity. The jury was out two hours and a half. The judge ordered that the prisoner be placed in custody until the pleasure of the lieutenant governor be made known.

LUMBERMAN DROWNED.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., June 21.—Alfred Cameron, a well known lumberman, was drowned to-day at Kettle Lake, near Fort Francis, Ont. He had just finished supervising a drive of six million feet of logs into Kettle Lake. He was thirty-five years of age and leaves a wife and four children here.

RECIPROCAL EDUCATION

Montreal, June 21.—A London cable says there is interesting reciprocity in civil service methods in progress between England and Canada, by which Canadian service is being remodelled on British lines. A special committee of the British House of Commons commends the adoption of the Canadian hansom system of which evidence before the committee spoke very highly.

The public usefulness of the Canadian high commission's office now is so generally recognized here and in Canada that satisfaction is expressed that the staff will partake of the benefit of the new Canadian civil service and as being members of the inside division.

Trees Free To Farmers

Over eleven million trees have been distributed to farmers on the prairie by the Department of the Interior, through its Forestry Branch, since the inauguration of the scheme of tree re-vegetation in 1907. The results of the plan are summarized in a pamphlet, just issued by the Forestry Branch. The average distribution per year has for five years past been in the neighborhood of two million trees, and the total area planted is over 4,900 acres. The varieties distributed, together with the proportion each bears to the whole number, is as follows: Manitoba maple, 30 per cent; Green ash, 15 per cent; American elm, 9 per cent; Dakota cottonwood, 11 per cent; Willow, 4 per cent; Russian poplar, 3 per cent. All the trees distributed are grown on the government nursery at Indian Head, Sask., except the cottonwood, which it is found cheaper to import from Dakota. Preparation of the land to be planted for trees in the great prairie to planting is strongly insisted upon. Each applicant must have his land inspected on which he proposes to grow trees, and if the ground is in satisfactory shape, he can sign agreements to plant, tend and protect any trees sent him from the department, and in the morning spring he receives his trees. Longevity through this system of careful inspection, it has been found that eighty-five per cent, and over of the trees planted are now alive. The trees sent out are used almost altogether for the planting of windbreaks and shelterbelts on the prairies, and the distribution between the appearance of a native hardwood forest and after planting is well shown by numerous illustrations. The pamphlet fully explains the working of the scheme and will be sent free on application to the Secretary of Forestry, Ottawa.

OLIVER'S LEGACY.

(Tribune.) There are what might be termed by some extenuating circumstances in connection with the position of the Minister of the Interior. HE HAS A LEGACY in the shape of a partner, a legacy bequeathed with importance in the matter of ordinary administration. The probability is that Mr. Oliver, left to himself, would have granted a proper equity into official routine in the Yukon. He has, however, to choose between dismissal and subservience to a master who seems to sleep comfortably on pillow of scandal and who for years and years, has turned a deaf ear to personal demands for proper investigation. Were Mr. Oliver to act as a Minister unduly should act, and take upon himself the full responsibility for administration under his department, he would get his walking ticket, and he does not seem ready for that. Yukon corruption is a matter of policy with the government, and as such it seems to be taken for granted that the Minister is subservient to the Premier.

Of course Mr. Oliver should have made his choice. It cannot be that the surroundings at Ottawa have dull of his sense of justice in this matter. The probability is that it is a case of silence or defiance of his predecessors on the one hand and retirement on the other. He has not yet made up his mind to follow the latter course.

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- 2 Appointment of public officials upon consideration of capacity and personal character and not of party service alone.
- 3 More effective provisions to punish bribery and fraud at elections, to ensure thorough publicity as to expenditures by political organizations, to prevent the accumulation of campaign funds for corrupt purposes and to prohibit contributions thereto by corporations, contractors and promoters, to expedite hearing of election petitions and to prevent collusive arrangements for the withdrawal or compromise thereof, to provide for a thorough investigation to corrupt practices and if necessary to appoint an independent prosecuting officer to enforce the law as amended.
- 4 A thorough and complete reformation of the laws relating to the Civil Service so that future appointments shall be made by an independent commission acting upon the report of examiners after competitive examination.
- 5 Such reform in the selecting of members of the Senate as will make that chamber a more useful and representative body.
- 6 A more careful selection of the sources from which immigration shall be sought, a more rigid inspection of immigrants and the abolition of the bounty system except under very special circumstances and for the purpose of obtaining particularly desirable classes of immigrants.
- 7 The management and development of the public domain (in which are to be included great national game preserves) for the public benefit and under such conditions that a respectable proportion of the increment of value arising therefrom shall inure to the people.
- 8 The operation and management of our government railways by an independent commission free from partisan control or interference.
- 9 Development and improvement of our national waterways (the equipment of national ports, the improvement of transportation facilities and subsequent reduction of freight rates between the place of production and market, whether at home or abroad and the establishment of a thorough system of cold storage.
- 10 The re-organization of the present railway commission as a public utilities commission with wider power and more extended jurisdiction, so as to establish a strong and effective control over all corporations owning or operating public utilities or invested with franchises of a national character.
- 11 The establishment after due investigation of a system of national telegraphs and telephones under conditions which shall be just to capital already invested in those enterprises.
- 12 The improvement of existing postal facilities, especially in newly developed portions of the country, and inauguration, after proper inquiry as to cost, of a system of free rural mail delivery.
- 13 A fiscal policy which will promote the production within Canada of all useful articles that can be advantageously manufactured from or by means of natural resources, having due regard to the interests of the consumer as well as to the just claims of our wage-earning population.
- 14 The promotion by negotiation and other expedients of a means of a system of mutual preferential trade within the Empire.
- 15 The restoration of the public lands to the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan upon fair terms.
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